

LEON COUNTY ABANDONMENT REQUEST FORM

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- 2) Agent's name (if applicable) _____
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- 3) Property Tax I.D. Number(s) 11-25-C-001-0

- 4) Zoning District C
- 5) Acreage of Property 0.36 acres
- 6) Acreage of square footage of area applicable to abandonment 0.22 acres
- 7) Please submit the following:
 - a) A description of the abandonment request. Please indicate in writing the nature of your request. Responses may be brief. Provide six (6) copies.
 - b) A legal description and boundary survey of the affected property. This survey must include a depiction of area requested to be abandoned; the dimensions of the area requested to be abandoned; a legal description of the property; and, a legal description of the area requested to be abandoned. This survey and legal description must be signed and sealed by a professional surveyor licensed to practice in Florida. Provide six (6) copies.
 - c) A vicinity map with a north arrow. Provide six (6) copies.
 - d) A portrayal of environmentally significant features. On a site plan drawn to the same scale as the legal survey, depict (if applicable) a generalized portrayal of wetlands, watercourses, water bodies, floodplains and areas subject to flooding, native forests, mature successional forests, listed species, severe or significant grades and closed basins, and to the extent known, the location of proposed stormwater management facilities/systems. Provide six (6) copies.

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS (7 a-f)*

- a) Description of abandonment request (6 copies)
- b) Legal description and boundary survey of affected property (6 copies)
- c) Vicinity map with north arrow (6 copies)
- d) Portrayal of environmentally significant features (N/A). There are **no** known environmentally significant features of the affected property.
- e) Portrayal of all existing access points (6 copies)
- f) Aerial photograph showing the affected property and at least 300 feet into abutting parcels (4 copies)

*Please note: Abandonment of all or a portion of an existing subdivision is **not** requested. Therefore, materials itemized in 7 g-h are not included.

J. Rankins (04/05)

7a) Description of the Abandonment Request

A right-of-way abandonment is requested for The Chelsea Drive roadway, lying in The Avondale Subdivision, Blockford Court between Lot 1 "Block B" and Lot 2 "Block C" (Attachment 7b). Lot 1 (Block C), also illustrated on the vicinity map with north arrow (Attachment 7c) represents the property of the applicant. To the applicant's knowledge, "environmentally significant features" referred to in 7d of the application are not located on or adjacent to the abandoned property. Site plans (Attachment e) and aerial photos (Attachment f) show that the abandoned property does not serve the general public.

Lying in abandonment since the initial development of the subdivision, the property's trees and undergrowth are without maintenance and has become a breeding ground for rodents and reptiles. The neglect of the abandoned property most directly detracts from the applicant's property (Lot 1) and the adjoining property (Lot 11). However, the aesthetics of the entire block is negatively impacted. Moreover, abandoned areas in communities can compromise the safety and security of the residents.

By approving this right-of-way request, the owner (s) of lot 1 (the applicant's property) and the owner (s) of lot 11 (adjoining lot) would acquire half of the total abandoned property (0.22 acres) adjunct to their respective lots (0.11 acres each). Both owners of lot 1 and lot 11 fully support this abandoned application and are committed to the maintenance and upkeep of the abandoned property should the Leon County Board of Commissioners approve this request. Common ownership of the abandoned Chelsea drive would not deny anyone legal access and the county would retain any necessary drainage and/or utility easements.

Jenice Rankins 4/17/05
Owner (Lot 1, the applicant)/Date

James F. Oliva 4/25/05
Owner (Lot 11, adjoining lot)/Date